

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY
MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING
18 FEBRUARY 2009

A meeting of the Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on the above date in the RI Department of Health, Beck Conference Room, Providence, Rhode Island. A quorum was established and the Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

Board members in attendance were: **Board members not in attendance were:**

Henry Levin, DMD, Chairman John Smith
Mary Lou Buonaccorsi Andrew Molak, DDS
Robert Bartro, DMD Bernard Manchester
Christine Benoit, DMD
Maureen Ross, RDH
Joseph Box, DDS
Craig VanDongen, DDS
Susan Perlini, RDH

Staff members in attendance were: Others in attendance were:

Gail Giuliano, Board Administrator Valerie Celentano, Exec.
Director, RIDA
Gregory Madoian, Legal Counsel

The Chairman, called for a motion to approve the “Open Minutes” of the 21 January 2009 meeting. Dr. Box requested that the minutes be amended to reflect Mr. Madoian was not in attendance and the degree following his name be changed to DDS rather than DMD. Upon motion of Dr. Box, seconded by Dr. Benoit, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes as amended.

Sub-Committee for Dental Licensure

No dental licenses issued since last meeting.

Sub-Committee for Dental Hygiene Licensure

Susan Perlini reported that following candidates had been licensed since the last meeting:

Dental Hygiene Licenses

Justine M. Perkins, DH Erie CC Nerb 2008

Dental Hygiene Licenses w/ anesthesia permits issued since last meeting

Lisa Koontz, DH Bristol CC Nerb 2008

Nicole R. Aguiar, DH Bristol CC Nerb 2008

Dental Hygiene Anesthesia Permits issued since last meeting

Lory Libby, DH Middlesex CC Nerb 2008

Upon motion of Dr. VanDongen, seconded by Dr. Box, the Board

approved the licensure of the aforementioned individuals.

The Chairman called for a motion to adjourn the “Open Session” and enter into “Closed Executive Session” for the purpose of discussing disciplinary matters pursuant to the applicable exceptions of the Board of Examiners in Dentistry –

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Ms. Celentano recused herself from the meeting at this time.

The Board returned to “Open Session” at 9:50 a.m. Ms. Celentano returned to the open meeting at this time.

Decisions Ratified and/or closed in Closed Session

DEN 66-08 Closed No Unprofessional Conduct.

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Sealing of the Closed Executive Minutes

The Chairman called for a motion to seal the minutes of the “Closed Executive Session” of 21 January 2009 meeting pursuant to Section 42-46 (1) and (2). Upon motion of Dr. Benoit, seconded by Dr. Bartro, the Board Voted unanimously to seal the closed minutes of 17

December 2008.

The Board reviewed correspondence from DANB regarding “digital impression.technology” and whether or not it is considered taking final impressions vs. taking intraoral photos. After discussion, it was the opinion of the board that although the dental assistant may take the digital impression, it would be the dentist who would utilize the photos for the final impression.

The Board also discussed an e-mail received from the AADA regarding its position on having one national clinical examination. After discussion, the Board concluded that it is in favor of one national examination. The Administrator will advise the AADA of the Board position.

At this time, Dr. Box stated that he was told WREB does not test dental candidates in prosthodontics The Administrator, will contact WREB to confirm this information.

Valerie Celentano, Executive Director of the RIDA, addressed the Board on behalf of the Association for opinions regarding the following:

Are teeth whitening/bleaching kiosks considered the practice of dentistry?

The Board advised that it is in the process of promulgating Rules and

Regulations defining who may provide this service.

Can dentists administer Botox or Restylane?

The Board advised that by virtue of the definition of dentistry in the Dental Practice Act a licensed dentist may administer botox or restylane

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for 18 March 2009 in the Beck Conference located on the lower level.

Upon motion of Dr. VanDongen, seconded by Ms. Perlini, it was unanimously VOTED by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry Levin, DMD, Chairman

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